









# WASHINGTON.

## PLAY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE TARIFF BILL.

Prospect of a Report on Washington's Birthday—The Telegraph Bill—Mr. Boutwell on Blaine's Letter—Gen. Sheridan's Opinion—The Tariff Committee's Progress in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—The statement that the tariff bill will be reported to the House by Washington's birthday day does not appear to be in a fair way to materialize. Representative Boutwell of the committee said today: "I don't know who authorized the statement that the bill would be ready for the House this month. I cannot say when it will be in shape for reporting. It is not for some time yet. We have an enormous amount of matter on the tariff and have compiled many statistics, and to this time a line has been drawn on the bill. We are doing the best that can be done, but it is a slow work."

Another member of the committee said: "There is a statement out to the effect that the tariff bill will be reported to the House by Washington's birthday. This is absolutely untrue. The bill is not yet in shape for reporting. It is not likely that any substantial bill will be reported before the bill of the committee is reported."

Altogether the prospect of some speedy legislation on the tariff is not particularly encouraging.

## THE BLAIR BILL PASSED.

The Long Debate Over at Last in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—The Blair educational bill passed the Senate yesterday by the vote of 23 to 22. Senator Blair made a ringing speech in finally closing the debate. He declared that the opposition to the bill came from the Senate. He said he had read a letter addressed to a Senator begging him to defeat the bill. Twelve years ago, when a proposition was before Congress to prevent appropriation of public money to sectarian schools, he and seven other Senators in the North who were warm advocates of the bill had become strangely silent and he declared they were under the influence of the South. He mentioned the Chicago Tribune, the New York Sun and the Boston Herald and Advertiser. Another influence arrayed against the bill was the liquor interest. But Mr. Blair said that the bill passed several amendments were voted down as follows: "The bill was passed by a vote of 23 to 22. Senator Blair's vote was the deciding vote. He expended the year before."

## The Telegraph Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—The Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce yesterday appointed a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Raynor, Chairman; Wilson (Maine); Phelan, (Mass.); and Anderson (Ill.). The committee is to take measures providing for general supervision of existing telegraph companies, among the bills to be considered by the committee is a bill to amend the act of 1878, relating to the telegraph companies. The committee is to establish the maximum rates for telegraphing and to prevent discrimination.

Mr. Raynor introduced a bill to create a new commission, to be known as the Interstate Telegraph Commission, to construct and operate a new telegraph system. The bill is to be introduced to-day and will be taken up at once. No witness will be examined in any case. The bill is to be taken up at once. No witness will be examined in any case. The bill is to be taken up at once. No witness will be examined in any case.

## Canal Improvements.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—The bills of Messrs. Henderson (Ill.) and Springer, creating a commission to supervise the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal and the Lake Improvement bill, were referred by the House Committee on Railways and Canals to a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Raynor, Chairman; Wilson (Maine); Phelan, (Mass.); and Anderson (Ill.). The committee is to take measures providing for general supervision of existing telegraph companies, among the bills to be considered by the committee is a bill to amend the act of 1878, relating to the telegraph companies. The committee is to establish the maximum rates for telegraphing and to prevent discrimination.

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**Bontelle on Blaine's Letter.**  
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—Representative Bontelle says the newspapers have generally misquoted him as to his interpretation of Mr. Blaine's letter. "Mr. Blaine was in no way influenced to write that letter by an unfavorable condition of health, for I know his health to be excellent. The letter simply means the release of Mr. Blaine's friends from all obligations to support him in the convention or elsewhere. It leaves them to see free and unimpeded to do as they please. It does not say that it takes him out of the line of presidential possibilities. It does not say that he will not be his party's candidate. The letter merely states that his name will not be presented upon his authority at the convention. I stand in the same attitude as to his candidacy to-night as I did before the letter was written. I see nothing new in the wording of the spirit of Mr. Blaine's letter which forbids his nomination."

## Gen. Sheridan's Birthplace.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—Gen. Phil Sheridan, returning to the statement made by a relative at Milwaukee, that he was born in the North of Ireland, said: "To the best of my knowledge and belief I was born at Albany, N. Y., on the 8th of March, 1814, about a year and a half after my parents located there. The old house used to stand on what is now the New York Central Depot."

## No Tickets Allowed.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—Tuesday's order of Speaker Carlisle allowing the telegraph companies to continue business in the House corridors has been misinterpreted as permitting the restoration of the "ticklers," which were so summarily fired out last week. This is far from being the case. The intention has never been to deprive the legitimate branch office out of the halls, but simply

# THE RAILROADS.

## THE CANADIAN PACIFIC SKEWING TO GET INTO NEW YORK.

A Plan for Building the Schenectady & Ogdensburg Railroad to the St. Lawrence River—A Raid by the Semper-on Chicago Road—Northwestern Rate Troubles—Live Stock Prospects.

ALBANY, N. Y., February 16.—The Senate heard a great deal yesterday about the plans of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to establish a branch to New York City. From the talk of the Senators it was plain that a network of railways has been surveyed in the northern part of the State. Buffalo, also, it would seem, is afraid to have the great grain trade in its danger of being diverted to New York and Boston by these railroad schemes, and is re-organizing its position. The bill of Senator Erwin authorizing the Schenectady & Ogdensburg Railroad Company to purchase, own, lease and operate roads, propelled by steam barges and boats in connection with the traffic of the railroad, is known as the Schenectady & Ogdensburg Railroad bill. When it was introduced by Senator Erwin, it was intended to be a bill to build a railroad from Schenectady to Ogdensburg, on the St. Lawrence River. It was intended to be a bill to build a railroad from Schenectady to Ogdensburg, on the St. Lawrence River. It was intended to be a bill to build a railroad from Schenectady to Ogdensburg, on the St. Lawrence River.

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## RAIDED BY THE SCALPERS.

Heavy Cuts on Chicago Passenger Business—The scalpers made something of a raid yesterday on the passenger business between Chicago and St. Louis. Tickets were offered at all of the brokers' offices at \$3.50 to Chicago and a land-office business was the result. This reduced rate, at less than one-half of the regular rate, was made possible by the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission to reduce the rate to Springfield from St. Louis and Chicago for the Grand Army Reunion at Springfield. The ground trip was \$1.50 from Chicago to Springfield, and \$1.50 from Springfield to Chicago. The total trip was \$3.00. The scalpers could scalp on such a margin. They were not content with this, however. They were not content with this, however. They were not content with this, however.

## LIVE STOCK PROSPECTS.

Live Stock Prospects of the Chicago & Alton returned to-day from a trip through the West. They returned with a report of a big trade in cattle and sheep. The price of live stock is better than it has been for some time. The price of live stock is better than it has been for some time. The price of live stock is better than it has been for some time.

## NORTHWESTERN TROUBLES.

General Freight Agent Knight of the Washburn & Great Northern, who is in Chicago, where he went to attend the meeting of the Northwestern road, which has never been publicly confirmed or denied. A very extensive improvement, however, is being made by one of the line's institutions of the city. The building, three stories in height, with a high pitched roof, is to be built on the corner of Third and Madison streets. The building is to be built on the corner of Third and Madison streets. The building is to be built on the corner of Third and Madison streets.

## THE PACIFIC MAIL EARNINGS.

NEW YORK, February 16.—The Pacific Mail routes met yesterday, but transacted only routine business. A statement was presented showing earnings of \$73,000 in one month from traffic, and this added to the subsidy which the company receives from the Pacific Railroad, for that month. The company's earnings for that month were \$73,000. The company's earnings for that month were \$73,000.

## CRIMINAL CORRECTION DOCKET.

A. A. Paxson acted as provisional Judge in the Court of Criminal Correction to-day, in place of Judge Noonan, who is sick, and disposed of a large docket. A charge of grand larceny against Harry Schultz, alias King, was dismissed for want of prosecution. The County Attorney will bring a \$40 gold watch and chain from Minnie Schuchert. As he left the court-room, Detective Fitzgerald arrested him on a charge of stealing \$40 worth of clothing. Schultz is claimed, had on a suit of stolen clothes. Judge Smith was sentenced to a year in the Work-house to-day for stealing a set of harness valued at \$15 from N. S. Clement, the driver of Fourteenth and Market streets. Smith stole a watch from Mr. Clement before, but was let off with a light punishment.

## OBITUARY.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., February 16.—Mrs. Felix Palmer, living in the northwest part of this county, died yesterday morning at her home. She was 74 years of age. She had been apparently in her usual health at breakfast time, and it is supposed that heart disease was the cause of her death. Her husband, Mr. Palmer, is a well-known citizen of this county, and very industrious.

# ONLY TWELVE DAYS MORE TO SECURE UNHEARD-OF BARGAINS. THE BOSTON STORE, 615-617 N. Broadway.

## REAL ESTATE.

### ABOON IN THE MARKET TO COME WITH GOOD WEATHER.

Great improvement in Prices and Prospects in the Lafayette Park Neighborhood—Other Spots Where Success is Assured—Transactions Going—A Big Building to Be Begun—An Offer Refused.

In all the preparations made for spring business, the appearance of no residence section of the city has been more radically changed for the better than the territory known as the Lafayette Park district. For many years much ground in this territory has been allowed to remain nearly as nature left it, the change, if any, having been for the worse in many places where stone quarries left great, unsightly excavations, and the grading of an occasional street beyond the surrounding area. At other points the opening of streets left the natural surface more than fifteen feet above grade, and the prospective cost of removing the surplus earth retarded many a buyer from purchasing lots in that vicinity. For these reasons it was very difficult to dispose of the property at any price, until a comparatively recent date, within which time the rapid growth of the city has created a demand for many of the old waste places.

One of the most striking examples is the Sixties tract, a body of ground representing 2,000 front feet between Eads, Lafayette and Grand streets. Two years ago the whole of this property was hawked all over the market for a purchaser at \$40,000. The owner, Josephine, was unable to find a buyer. She was unable to find a buyer. She was unable to find a buyer.

### AMONG THE BROKERS.

A Black Oak Boom—Other Sales and Prices Obtained.

The excitement of the day was the rise in Black Oak, which was in strong demand, scarcely anything being done in other stocks.

The following telegram was received from Superintendent Scott of the Black Oak: "Mill run 120 tons in twenty days; cleaned up 1000 ounces bullion; 24 tons sulphur; assay, \$108 a ton." This return is equal to an average of \$17 a ton in free gold taken from the mines, and is more than double the amount per ton saved in the first run made by the mill. At this rate the mine would produce \$7,000 a month. There is still a large loss in the tailings, amounting to \$10 a day, which is hoped will be taken in the future. Under the impetus administered by this favorable showing the stock rapidly rose, 100 shares selling at \$20, 300 at \$17, 400 at \$15, 500 at \$14 and 600 at \$13. The market then dropped, 1,000 shares bringing \$12, and 200 at \$11, closing with a sale of 200 shares at \$11. A call for 500 shares, good for the year, was sold at \$10 cents.

West Grants opened at \$18, rising to \$15, 400 shares being disposed of at the latter price.

Nothing was done in Golden Era, which was offered at \$1.

Cariboo opened at \$4 and closed at \$5.

Five hundred shares of Jumbo were sold at \$14.

Thirty cents was bid for Dineer.

Pat Murphy treasury stock showed a considerable decline, 100 shares selling at \$14, and the rest dropping to \$13. The whole stock was 70 bid. Puts were offered, good for six months, at \$5.

San Francisco Consolidated was \$14 bid.

\$3.00 was offered for Small Hopes.

Grey Eagle was 6 cents bid with offers at 10.

Forty was bid for Rena.

I. X. L. was offered on the streets at 12 1/2.

### FAVORS THE AMENDMENT.

A Real Estate Dealer's Views on the Merits of the New Limit Tax Law.

"The question, what do we pay taxes for? strikes the property owners in the new improving districts very forcibly these times," remarked Judge John H. Terry. He said: "There is never an application presented now to the Board of Public Improvements for the improvement of a street or the opening of a new street. The property owners interested will raise a certain stated amount to make up a deficiency in the necessary appropriation. These frequent calls for money are more than property-owners can stand for. The property owners interested will raise a certain stated amount to make up a deficiency in the necessary appropriation. These frequent calls for money are more than property-owners can stand for."

### THE "BUCKS" FOR A YEAR.

Ferdinand W. Schmiele, the salesman for the wholesale dry goods firm of Rice, Stix & Co., who stole from the firm, was up in the Court of Criminal Correction to-day on four charges of petty larceny. He entered pleas of guilty in all the cases, and was sentenced to three months in the Work-house in each case or one year in all in the institution. The young man was about to be married when he was detected in stealing. The thefts had been going on some time.

### About a Sealskin Sack.

Charles Steinberg, furrier, to-day took out attachment proceedings before Justice Kane on a sealskin sack in the possession of Mary Hill of No. 4 North Sixth street. The sack, so Steinberg alleged, was purchased at a price of \$200, of which \$50 was paid down. The rest was not paid. Steinberg therefore went to law for the recovery of the balance of his money.

### Belleville.

The Philharmonic Society will give a concert and ball at Liederkreis Hall this evening.

Two children of Mrs. Ross Gannon, a widow living on Franklin street between Hill and High streets, have died in the past few days of diphtheria.

### Rose Phillips.

Rose Phillips, a notorious character, was arrested yesterday evening on complaint of William Fischer, who charges her with robbing him of \$10.

The temporary chairman of the Young Men's Democratic Club has called a meeting for to-morrow evening for the purpose of electing a permanent organization.

The City Council Committee on Streets and Alleys met last night at the City Hall, and the poor condition of the sidewalks was discussed. It was decided to present to the Council a resolution to have the sidewalks repaired, and to have the reconstruction of new sidewalks where needed.

### Warrants have been sworn out before

Squire Madart against Thomas Miller, John Lawrence and James Miller, school teachers, for violating the school law of the State. It is claimed that the directors adopted school books published by the Standard Book Company, and two days later substituted Eclectic Series.

# THOSE ACHES DOWN YOUR BACK AND THROUGH YOUR LIMBS MEAN RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA OR KINDRED ILLS. BETTER HAVE DR. JACOBS' PAIN EXPELLER HANDY.

The Copper Cane Mining Company of Blaine, Ariz., has just put in place 100 Edison electric lights, the plant having been purchased in St. Louis.

Wm. E. Cottrell has some very fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz, taken from the Hatway-Bondurant mine, of which he is President. This mine is situated near Conterville in Maricopa County, Arizona, and was discovered by Mr. T. T. Mathaway, who worked the mine by the crusher process for several years. Mr. Mathaway has been successful in obtaining a large quantity of gold-bearing quartz. A brick, 100 ounces in weight, is exhibited as the product of the first run of the mill now on the property.

### IN JESSE JAMES STYLE.

A Gang of desperadoes Clean Out a Bank at Cisco, Tex.

CISCO, Tex., February 16.—The Cisco Bank was robbed yesterday afternoon by four men who entered the place during the dinner hour. They presented revolvers at the heads of the Cashier and Treasurer and another officer and held them in one corner of the room in the rear, while another man went through every drawer in the safe. They took about \$5,000 in cash, and cleared the counter of everything of value. The escape was made through a back door into an alley where a wagon was waiting. The Marshal and posse soon rode the desecrated last night in pursuit, but the thieves had a clear start of four miles. One of the bank officers received a blow in the head.

### Decided a Draw.

A. G. Peterson, the Fourth street chinaware merchant, was tried in the Court of Criminal Correction to-day before Judge Paxson on the charge of assault and battery, preferred against him by W. G. Hill, Chief Clerk of the Law Department of the Missouri Pacific Railway. This was the case which grew out of Mr. Hill purchasing a 75-cent tea-pot from Mr. Peterson and wanting to be given another in its place after a clerk of Peterson had broken it. Mr. Hill claimed that Mr. Peterson had refused to give him another, but the latter averred that Hill used abusive language to him and struck the first blow. The book-keeper of Mr. Peterson testified to the abusive language used by Mr. Hill to Mr. Stubbs, partner of Mr. Peterson. Judge Paxson discharged the chinaware dealer.

### Carondelet Jostling.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinney leave this evening for California.

The Carondelet Flour-mill has suspended work on account of extensive repair. The suspension will throw about thirty men out of employment.

### The Orener is holding an Inquest this afternoon

on the bodies of Frank Henrich and William Schumacher, who, while out skating on River Des Peres yesterday, were drowned. The Western Steel Works did not start up to-day as was expected, owing to the fact that the roller from Pittsburgh, Pa., did not arrive. It is now expected that the works will not start until next Monday.

The test trial of the new machinery at the wood preserving works will probably be made early next week, and if satisfactory the works will resume operations immediately after the test trial. This corporation employs about fifty men.

### THE ATLANTIC CO., 22 WALL ST., N. Y.



















